



RESPONSE UNDER 37C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 3721

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Van Barlow, et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

*Not extended*  
In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004 (the period for response to which has been extended by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee), please consider the following:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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